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MPD Officer Accused of Sexually Assaulting Three Women

WASHINGTON - Larry Seay, an officer with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), has been indicted on charges stemming from sexual assaults against three women in the District of Columbia, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, announced today.

Seay, 37, was indicted on a total of nine counts on July 13, 2011 by a grand jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He was charged with four counts of second degree sexual abuse while armed with aggravating circumstances, one count of attempted fourth degree sexual abuse with aggravating circumstances, and four counts alleging related firearm offenses.

Seay, a patrol officer in the Third District, is accused of sexually assaulting the women while he was on duty, in full police uniform, and armed with his service gun. The defendant is alleged to have approached the victims on the street and ordered that they follow him to a more secluded location. At that point, he allegedly threatened each victim, making them fearful of being placed under arrest. Finally, he allegedly sexually assaulted them.

According to the indictment, between September 11, 2006 and September 15, 2006, and again in April 2010, the defendant sexually assaulted and attempted to sexually assault the first victim at two locations. The defendant is accused of sexually assaulting the second victim between July 18, 2010 and July 20, 2010, and the third victim on July 22, 2010.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

“This defendant is accused of betraying the public trust by targeting victims for sexual assault,” said U.S. Attorney Machen. “This indictment shows that no one is above the law, and that the U.S. Attorney’s Office, working with its law enforcement partners, will aggressively prosecute all of those accused of crimes in the District of Columbia.”

“It’s appalling to me that a member who has served on the Metropolitan Police Department for 18 years would be engaged in this kind of conduct,” said Police Chief Lanier.

This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and is being investigated by MPD and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsay Suttnerberg.

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